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Applicant: Inoue
Serial No.: 09/578,998
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Title: Multi-Component Gas
Analyzing Method
Using FTIR
Group Art Unit: 2881
Examiner: Gurzo
Docket No.: 380153-62

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, the Applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Applicant submits this Amendment in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-20.

For the reasons set forth below, it is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

In the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over United States Pat. No. 5,531,198, issued to Adachi et al. (hereinafter *Adachi*) in view of United States Pat. No. 6,422,056, issued to Miyai et al. (hereinafter *Miyai*). In addition, dependent

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